

# AGRICULTURE

**L**IVE STOCK Improvement—an important policy of Alberta's Department of Agriculture.

**B**ETTER farming practices, better land saving methods, better seed policies, better forage and market crops are developed.

**E**DUCTION for farm folks is provided by an Extension Service, District Agriculturalists—and two Schools of Agriculture.

**R**ESOURCES of Agricultural Alberta—second to none in the Dominion—are maintained and enhanced.

**T**ECHNICAL knowledge, in this age of specialization, is a prime necessity. Alberta benefits by the service of highly trained men who administer Agricultural policies.

**A**CHIEVEMENT is the keynote of Alberta. Throughout North America, Agricultural Alberta is renowned for her championships in Grain and Live Stock—won at all premier exhibitions.

**A**GRICULTURAL land—134,841 square miles—gives Alberta premier position in potential wealth production.

**F**ARMERS occupy 41,000,000 acres, of which 12,000,000 are cultivated, the remainder pasture, hayland, prairie and woodland.

**A**LBERTA farms number 101,000 and the rural population totals about half a million persons.

**I**N 1938, their production of real wealth was worth \$171,989,152.

**L**IVE STOCK improvement policies are reflected in the percentage of "select" hogs marketed—32.58% in 1938, only 8.53% in 1930.

**I**N 1938, 473,600 shearings averaging 8 lbs. per fleece, totalling 3,829,000 lbs., worth \$428,848, which placed Alberta FIRST in the Dominion for all figures in the wool-growing industry.

**B**USY beekeepers harvested 3,418,000 lbs. of honey in 1938.

**G**RAIN growers produced 143,900,000 bus. wheat, 101,000,000 bus. oats, 29,200,000 bus. barley, rye, flax, etc., worth \$105,000,000 in 1938. 42% of wheat offered in first 7 months graded No. 1 Northern or better.

**SUGAR BEET** growers broke all records in 1938. 261,000 tons of beets were produced, valued at \$1,330,000.

**LIVE STOCK** men marketed 244,505 cattle 130,870 calves, 150,000 sheep, 782,857 hogs. Alberta stood second for sheep, swine and cattle, third in calves. Production was worth \$27,309,920.

**DAIRYMEN** in Alberta made new gains in 1938. They marketed 31,000,000 lbs. of creamery butter, 15,000,000 lbs. of dairy butter, 2,500,000 lbs. of factory cheese, 200,000 lbs. of dairy cheese and 500,000 gallons of ice cream.

**POULTRY** products were marketed to the value of \$1,000,000.

**GAME** and furs brought \$1,150,000.

**AGRICULTURE** is Alberta's **FIRST** industry.

**ALBERTA** Agriculture is already **FIRST** in some branches, and rapidly climbing to **FIRST** in ALL branches of Agriculture in the Dominion of Canada.

This Is Clearly The Result Of  
**Progressive Policies**  
for  
**Progressive People**

# **Agricultural Education and Extension**

## **AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS**

Every phase of agriculture is served through the Field Crops, Live Stock, Dairy, Poultry, Fish and Game, Apiculture, Veterinary, Relief and Extension branches of the Department of Agriculture.

## **AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INCLUDE:**

Agricultural Schools at OLDS and VERMILION which train more than 300 students yearly in Agriculture and Home Economics.

District Agriculturists, giving expert advice on farm and rural problems in the areas surrounding Cardston, Lethbridge, Olds, Brooks, Calgary, Red Deer, Stettler, Camrose, Thorburn, St. Paul, Edmonton, Vermilion, Wainwright, Westlock, Smoky Lake, Barwyn and Grande Prairie.

Agricultural statistics and farm publications—all available on request.

Extension work through lectures, field days and short courses, including demonstrations and lectures in women's work.

Direction and Leadership for about 100 Junior Clubs with a membership of 3,200.

School Fairs to the number of 100 yearly, for the education of young farm folks.

Horticultural services at Brooks, where testing and propagation of new, hardy varieties of fruit trees is carried on. Over 300 varieties of apples alone are under observation in 1939.

Breeding establishments at Olds, Vermilion and Brooks, stocked with high quality breeding animals for Alberta farmers.

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